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# Scholarships: Sponsoring Them and Helping Your Members Apply For Them



# WAI Scholarships 101: Get Your FAQs Straight!

- You must be a current member of WAI to apply
- ALL members are welcome to apply- men and women
- You may apply for 3 (THREE) scholarships annually. Choose the scholarships that you are most qualified for.
- Application deadlines are strict. All applications must be received by **11:59pm ET, October 12, 2022.**





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- Scholarships are open internationally unless otherwise specified.
- ONLY complete scholarship applications will be accepted.
- You do not have to attend the conference to receive a scholarship.



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- When you apply online, you will receive an email confirming that your submission has been received.
- Unless specified in the scholarship:
  - Certified copies of transcripts are not required.
  - Do not include photos of yourself.
  - You do not have to be enrolled in an aviation school.



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# WAI Scholarships 101: Letters Of Recommendation FAQs

- Do not send letters of recommendation separately from applications.
- Letters should be addressed to the Scholarship Committee.
- Request multiple letters of recommendation from different sources and submit the two that best fit your character.
- The best letters are written by people who have known you for over a year, with whom you have had regular contact, and contain the information you want to archive.
- Letters should highlight something significant that you want the scholarship sponsors to know about you. For example, you might want to have a letter talk about how you are working multiple jobs to take flight lessons, go to college, or volunteer within your community.

# Opportunity Knocks, Will You Answer?

## What are my chances of receiving a scholarship?


*The short answer? If you don't apply, your chances are exactly zero. Some scholarships receive a high number of applications, while others receive few. Be truthful in your applications- if you don't meet the qualifications needed for a specific scholarship, find another that is a better fit.*

## I didn't win a scholarship last year. Why should I apply again in the future?

*As one former scholarship winner said, "persistence pays!" She said for every scholarship she received, she has had to apply three times. Remember there are many highly qualified members applying for scholarships- keep updating your application package and apply again in the future. You never know when the winner will be **YOU!***







# Maximize Your Chapter Member's Opportunities!

- Hold an annual essay writing seminar to teach your members how to compose an essay that stands out.
- Review and edit one another's essay submissions and application packages to ensure they are correct, complete and meet all requirements.
- Encourage members to apply for three scholarships annually.
- Share WAI's "[10 Tips For a Winning Scholarship Application 2023](#)" and other tips found on the website.

Checkout these resources:

- [10 Tips for a Winning Scholarship Application \[PPT\]](#)
- [More tips for a Winning Scholarship Application](#)
- Read the article "[How to Submit a Winning WAI Scholarship Application](#)" in the September/October 2020 issue of Aviation for Women

**Remember – ALL Members MUST be Current WAI Members**


# Change Lives From Within: Chapter Scholarships

1. Determine the scholarship purpose
  - Will this be a general fund or a memorial?
  - Will this provide financial aid to a specific career path or be more general?
2. Determine the scholarship terms
  - Specify the details.
  - What is the dollar value?
  - Determine how many scholarships will be given per year.
3. Plan how you will raise funds
  - Fund raisers: auctions, bake sales, raffles, etc.
  - Donations- corporate, community, educational based



# Use Your Resources With Potential Donors!

Find additional resources about scholarships on the WAI YouTube Channel



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One of the major benefits of Women in Aviation International membership is the opportunity to apply for up to three scholarships every year. Learn more about the WAI scholarship program from WAI CEO Allison McKay, and hear from recent WAI scholarship winners. #WomenInAviation

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# Change Lives From Within: Chapter Scholarships

Choose criteria that will help you select the most deserving applicant(s). The criteria selection will vary based on the purpose of your scholarship, but common criteria include:

- Financial need
- Academic achievement shown by GPA, test scores, licenses, etc.
- Extent of community involvement/volunteerism
- Work history
- Writing skills, demonstrated within application essay
- Achievement within aviation or aerospace fields



Form a committee to review applications and select recipient(s)





# WAI Chapters in Action

